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Report Highlights:

This report updates information for the Belgian Wood Sector. Despite a slowing economy, the sector's sales increased 3.6 percent in 2001, compared to 2000. The board sector grew 8.4 percent while the construction sector and the furniture sector only grew slightly. Furniture exports rose almost 5 percent but domestic sales decreased 6 percent.

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Executive Summary

In 2001, the Belgian Gross Domestic Product (GDP) decreased 1.1 percent, after growing 3 percent in 1999 and 4 percent in 2000. Bank forecasts a 1.5 percent growth in 2002, 2.9 percent in 2003 and 2.4 percent in 2004.

The slower economy affected the wood processing industry, especially the construction and furniture sector. Housing construction decreased 10 percent but renovation remained steady. Quality furniture lost further market share but exports increased.

The \$/Euro exchange rate increased further in 2001.

Rate of Exchange	
1\$= (calendar year)	in EURO
1998	0.90
1999	0.94
2000	1.08
2001	1.12

Section I: Situation and Outlook

Economic Parameters

Economic growth in Belgium decreased 1.1 percent in 2001, compared to a growth of 4 percent in 2000 and 3 percent in 1999. As a result, public investment decreased by more than 10 percent in 2001 and will remain lower in 2002. Economic growth is expected to increase again in 2003 and beyond. Unemployment is forecasted to grow 0.5 percent in 2002.

Economic Parameters							
	real growth in percent						
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Consumption							
private	2.9	2.1	3.8	1.5	0.9	2.7	2.5
public	1.5	3.2	2.6	2.4	1.5	1.7	1.8
Investments in fixed assets	4.3	3.3	2.6	-0.2	-0.6	3.6	3.6
corporate investment	4.6	3.8	3.3	0.2	0.1	4.8	4.1
public investment	0.3	16.0	1.5	-10.5	-6.5	-0.1	0.6
residential building investment	4.6	-2.1	1.1	1.5	-0.8	1.3	2.7
Total Domestic Demand	3.3	2.2	3.8	0.2	1.4	3.0	2.5
Total Export	5.8	5	9.7	-0.6	1.4	8.0	5.5
Total Import	7.5	4.1	9.7	-1.7	1.2	8.6	5.8
Gross DomesticProduct(GDP)	2.2	3.0	4.0	1.1	1.5	2.9	2.4
Disposable Household Income	2.2	2.4	1.7	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.1
Consumer Prices	1	1.1	2.5	2.5	1.1	0.9	1.8
Source: KBC-Bank Asset Management							

The forest situation.

Composition of the Belgium and Luxembourg Forest			
Surface	Flemish Region	Walloon Region	Luxembourg
	2000 survey	1999 survey	1998
Total in Ha	146,381	544,800	88,620
of which productive	138,000	477,800	78,000
percent private	70.3	54	54
percent public (contains natural parks)	29.7	46	46
percent temperate hardwood	50	46	61
of which estimated in Ha			
poplar	22,250		
oak	7,200	82,100	15,840
beech	4,250	42,300	28,160
birch	3,900		
american oak	2,000		
alder	1,750		
willow	1,500		
percent softwood	36	42	35
of which estimated in Ha			
common pine	33,400	15,300	2,640
Corsican pine	12,350		
larch	1,700	8,300	
fir	1,600	172,400	
Douglas fir	700	10,800	27,280
percent mixed woods	11	12	
percent other	3		4

Sources: * Boskartering 2000 from the Flemish Region

*Min of the Walloon Region - Div of Nature and Forestry - Dir of Forestry Resources

*Luxembourg Administration des Eaux et Forêts

Belgium is not a major wood producing country. Flanders is one of the least forested areas in Europe. On top of that, 60 percent of poplars and 28 percent of oak trees are reportedly sick with diseases aggravated by air and water pollution.

In Walloon, the Ardennes is the main timber producing region and a popular tourism area. However, oak is the only species of economic importance. For Luxembourg, the situation is similar to the Ardennes.

Trade

Belgium: Value of Imports of Forest Products

Description	1999		2000		11 Months '00		11 Months '01	
(in 1000 Euro's)		% from		% from U.S.		% from U.S.		% from U.S.
Temperate Hardwood Logs	85,934	6.2	84,217	5.0	78,378	5.2	64,169	6.1
Softwood Lumber	235,019	3.3	294,309	2.9	279,305	2.9	221,565	2.7
Temperate Hardwood Lumber	129,449	37.2	131,803	34.1	121,831	34.3	121,322	34.4
Tropical Hardwood Lumber	59,076	0.0	96,228	0.0	85,489	0.0	54,950	0.1
Temperate Hardwood Veneer	33,550	39.9	36,542	39.0	34,408	39.1	29,647	28.6
Softwood Plywood	43,645	6.3	48,411	2.3	47,610	2.4	36,817	1.9
Unspecified Plywood	140,156	0.2	152,908	0.1	140,579	0.1	143,256	0.0

Belgium: Value of Exports of Forest Products

Description	1999		2000		11 M 2000		11 M 2001	
(in 1000 Euro's)		% to U.S.		% to U.S.		% to U.S.		% to U.S.
Temperate Hardwood Logs	50,574	0.1	49,861	0.1	46,530	0.1	31,329	0.4
Softwood Lumber	106,666	0.0	138,639	0.0	130,607	0.0	109,085	0.1
Temperate Hardwood Lumber	70,542	0.3	69,387	0.5	64,959	0.4	59,552	0.6
Tropical Hardwood Lumber	44,088	0.1	64,835	0.0	57,226	0.0	38,218	0.0
Temperate Hardwood Veneer	36,143	1.5	39,902	1.5	37,257	1.6	30,325	1.1

Softwood Plywood	22,984	0.1	26,703	0.0	25,959	0.0	23,096	0.0
Unspecified Plywood	107,411	0.0	113,814	0.0	105,142	0.0	101,030	0.1

Source: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade

Belgium is a transit country for many products, including wood. Antwerp is the most significant seaport for wood. Over 50 percent of imports are re-exported.

Disastrous storms in 1999 resulted in French exports of wood products partially substituting for U.S. exports to Belgium because of their lower price. The strong \$/EURO exchange rate made U.S. wood exports too expensive to regain market share.

The Belgian Wood Sector

Economic Data of the Belgian Wood Processing Industry						
Whole Industry	1997	1998	1999	2000	9 Months 2000	9 Months 2001
values in million EURO						
Sales	3,505	3,734	3,770	3,983	2,900	3,003
- Export	2,063	2,418	2,560	2,825	2,043	2,197
= Domestic Deliveries	1,441	1,316	1,210	1,159	858	806
+ Import	1,775	2,032	2,101	2,320	1,688	1,783
= Domestic Use	3,216	3,348	3,311	3,479	2,547	2,589
Export/Sales in percent	59	65	68	71	71	73
Import/Dom. Market in percent	55	61	63	67	66	69
Export/Import in percent	116	119	122	122	121	123
Price Trend in percent	0.8	-0.7	1.3	1.5		
Investments in million EURO	189.6	207	193	180	124	128

Source: Febelhout (Belgian Wood Processing Federation)

In general, the Belgian wood industry is still growing. Sales for the first eleven months of 2001 increased 2.8 percent, compared to 5.7 percent for the entire 2000. The board sector grew 6.4 percent in 2001. Overall investments are declining, however, and the labor force is dwindling as the sector becomes increasingly mechanized.

Market Segment Analysis

The Construction Sector

The construction sector grew slightly by increasing exports but the domestic market is declining. On the short term, new house construction will continue its decrease because of the relative shortage of building plots, particularly in the heavily populated area of Flanders. Land prices have doubled in the Walloon area and tripled in Flanders over the last ten years. On average, 40 percent of the total construction budget is now spent on purchasing the land, compared to some 25 percent less than ten years ago. Now, more people buy apartments rather than a single family house. This is because construction is becoming too expensive and the average age of the population is rising. Older people prefer apartments. The economic slowdown has only strengthened this trend. Parket flooring is the only exception; between 1995 and 2000, consumption has increased by 41.7 percent. The reason is that wood treatments have improved, thus enhancing user friendliness.

The Construction Sector						
Values in Million BEF	1997	1998	1999	2000	9 Months 2000	9 Months 2001
Sales	471	488	524	558	404	413
- Export	200	249	292	379	268	333
= Domestic Deliveries	271	239	231	179	136	80
+ Import	164	161	169	179	136	141
= Domestic Use	435	399	400	358	271	221
Export/Sales in percent	43	51	56	68	66	81
Import/Dom. Market in percent	38	40	42	42	50	64
Export/Import in percent	122	155	173	168	198	236
Price Trend in percent		0.3	3.6	1.6		

Source: Febelhout (Belgian Wood Processing Federation)

The Furniture Sector

The Furniture Sector						
Values in Million EURO	1997	1998	1999	2000	9 Months 2000	9 Months 2001
Sales	1,790	1,896	1,889	1,929	1,404	1,417
- Export	1,115	1,256	1,305	1,313	948	989
= Domestic Deliveries	675	640	584	616	456	428
+ Import	975	1,072	1,066	1,134	823	867
= Domestic Use	1,650	1,712	1,650	1,750	1,279	1,295
Export/Sales in percent	62	66	68	68	68	70
Import/Dom. Market in percent	59	63	63	63	64	67

Export/Import in percent	114	117	122	122	115	114
Price Trend in percent		-1.6	1.4	2.4		

Source: Febelhout (Belgian Wood Processing Federation)

The Belgian furniture industry historically has produced mainly expensive classical style, whole wood furniture but younger people are increasingly buying cheaper furniture. Although sales continue to grow, competition is tough and domestic market share is declining. More imports and exports are expected while the number of employees and companies in business are expected to decline. The furniture sector remains the most important sector, with about 50 percent of total wood processing sales.

The Packaging Sector

The Packaging Sector						
Values in Million EURO	1997	1998	1999	2000	9 Months 2000	9 Months 2001
Sales	190	222	224	242	181	185
- Export	66	75	88	121	95	74
= Domestic Deliveries	124	147	136	121	86	111
+ Import	80	91	88	101	71	76
= Domestic Use	204	238	224	222	156	187
Export/Sales in percent	35	34	39	50	53	40
Import/Dom. Market in percent	39	38	39	45	45	40
Export/Import in percent	82	82	100	120	135	98
Price Trend in percent		2.6	-1.8	-3.5		

Source: Febelhout (Belgian Wood Processing Federation)

The Board Sector

The Board Sector						
Values in Million EURO	1997	1998	1999	2000	9 Months 2000	9 Months 2001
Sales	727	790	816	940	684	741
- Export	503	591	611	674	511	539
= Domestic Deliveries	223	199	205	266	173	202
+ Import	257	364	381	451	342	358
= Domestic Market	480	563	586	717	515	560

Export/Sales in percent	69	75	75	72	75	73
Import/Dom. Market in percent	54	65	65	63	67	64
Export/Import in percent	196	162	160	150	149	150
Price Trend in percent		- 0.2	- 2.0	-1.0		

Source: Febelhout (Belgian Wood Processing Federation)

The Belgian board industry is the second biggest wood processing industry and it is growing steadily by achieving higher productivity with the same labor force. It is the sector with the highest investment on sales. Eight out of the 10 biggest wood processors in Belgium belong to this group. The board industry is mainly producing particleboard but the first Oriented Strand Board plant in Belgium became operational last year.

The Brush Industry

Belgium has an important brush industry. This is, however, an old industry that is desperately looking for new opportunities. In fact, the domestic market has almost entirely turned away from home fabric towards imported products.

The Brush Sector						
Values in Million EURO	1997	1998	1999	2000	9 Months 2000	9 Months 2001
Sales	99	104	93	93	69	75
- Export	50	67	82	89	65	70
= Domestic Deliveries	49	37	11	4	4	5
+ Import	67	81	122	114	84	93
= Domestic Use	116	118	134	118	88	98
Export/Sales in percent	51	64	88	96	94	94
Import/Dom. Market in percent	58	69	92	97	95	95
Export/Import in percent	75	83	67	78	78	76
Price Trend in percent		3.4	0.9	2.0		

Source: Febelhout (Belgian Wood Processing Federation)

Other

Other Wood Industries						
Values in million EURO	1997	1998	1999	2000	9 Months 2000	9 Months 2001
Sales	228	234	224	221	158	172
- Export	128	179	181	248	154	191

= Domestic Deliveries	100	54	43	-27	4	-19
+ Import	233	263	275	341	233	248
= Domestic Use	333	317	318	315	237	228
Export/Sales in percent	56	77	81	112	98	111
Import/Dom. Market in percent	70	83	86	108	99	108
Export/Import in percent	55	68	66	73	66	77
PriceTrend in percent		0.5	0.7	0.3		

Source: Febelhout (Belgian Wood Processing Federation)

Strategic Indicator Tables

Belgium

FOREST PRODUCT						
STRATEGIC INDICATOR TABLES FOR (COUNTRY)						
CONSTRUCTION MARKET	2,000	2,001	2,002			
Country: Belgium	Previous	Current	Following			
Report Year: 2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Housing Starts (units)	48,971	46,860	45,000			
--of which, wood frame (units)						
--of which, steel, masonry, other materials (thousand units)						
--of total starts, residential (units)	26,519	41,314	40,000			
----of residential, single family (units)	24,371	22,612	21,000			
----of residential, multi-family (units)	2,148	2,253	2,350			
--of total starts, commercial (units)	6,385	5,546	5,000			
Total Value of Commercial Construction Market (\$US mil)	12,644	12,046	11,500			
Total Value of Repair and Remodeling Market (\$US million)						
FURNITURE & INTERIORS MARKET						
Country: Belgium	Previous	Current	Following			
Report Year: 2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Housing Starts (number of units)	48,971	46,860	45,000			
Total Number of Households)	4,237,775	4,260,000	4,300,000			
Furniture Production (\$US million)	1,778	1,800	1,800			
Total Furniture Imports (\$US million)	1,045	1,100	1,150			
Total Furniture Exports (\$US million)	1,210	1,260	1,300			
Interiors Market Size (\$US million)	1,613	1,640	1,650			

MATERIAL HANDLING MARKET						
Country:Belgium	Previous	Current	Following			
Report Year:2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Value of Industrial Output (\$US million)	223	230	235			
New Pallet Production (million units)	10	10	10			

FOREST AREA						
Country:Belgium	Previous	Current	Following			
Report Year:2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Land Area (million hectares)	30.5	30.5	30.5			
Total Forest Area (million hectares)	691	691	691			
--of which, Commercial ('000 hectares)	616	616	616			
----of commercial, tropical hardwood ('000 hectares)						
----of commercial, temperate hardwood ('000 hectares)	319	319	319			
----of commercial, softwood ('000 hectares)	297	297	297			
Forest Type						
--of which, virgin ('000 hectares)						
--of which, plantation ('000 hectares)						
--of which, other commercial (regrowth) ('000 hectares)						
Total Volume of Standing Timber (thousand cubic meters)	141,000	142,000	143,000			
--of which, Commercial Timber ('000 cum)	126,000	127,000	128,000			
Annual Timber Removal ('000 cum) 1/	4,000	4,000	4,000			
Annual Timber Growth Rate ('000 cum)	5,000	5,000	5,000			
Annual Allowable Cut ('000 cum)						
WOOD PRODUCTS SUBSIDIES						
Country:Belgium	Previous	Current	Following			
Year of Report 2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Solid Wood Export Subsidy Outlay (\$US million)	none	none	none			
Is there a ban on the export of logs, lumber, or veneer? 1/	no	no	no			
Are there export taxes (yes/no)? 2/	no	no	no			
Total Wood Production Subsidy (\$US million)						
Scope (thousands of hectares)						
Are there other wood products export expansion activities? 1/	no	no	no			
1/ If yes, describe in report.						
2/ If yes, identify in Tariff and Tax Strategic Indicator Table.						
FOREST PRODUCT TARIFFS AND TAXES (percent)		Tariff	Tariff	Other		
Country:	Product	Current	Following	Import	Total Cost	Export
Report Year:	Description 1/	Year	Year	Taxes/Fees	of Import 2/	Tax
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Luxembourg

FOREST PRODUCT						
STRATEGIC INDICATOR TABLES FOR (COUNTRY)						
CONSTRUCTION MARKET	2,000	2,001	2,002			
Country: Luxembourg	Previous	Current	Following			
Report Year: 2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Housing Starts (units)	3564	3,500				
--of which, wood frame (units)						
--of which, steel, masonry, other materials (thousand units)						
--of total starts, residential (units)	1362	1,300				
----of residential, single family (units)	1091					
----of residential, multi-family (units)	271					
--of total starts, commercial (units)	280	280				
Total Value of Commercial Construction Market (\$US mil)						
Total Value of Repair and Remodeling Market (\$US million)						
FURNITURE & INTERIORS MARKET						
Country:Luxembourg	Previous	Current	Following			
Report Year:2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Housing Starts (number of units)						
Total Number of Households)	137,000					
Furniture Production (\$US million)						
Total Furniture Imports (\$US million)						
Total Furniture Exports (\$US million)						
Interiors Market Size (\$US million)						
MATERIAL HANDLING MARKET						
Country:Luxembourg	Previous	Current	Following			
Report Year:2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Value of Industrial Output (\$US million)						
New Pallet Production (million units)						

FOREST AREA						
Country:Luxembourg	Previous	Current	Following			
Report Year:2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Land Area (million hectares)	258.6					
Total Forest Area (million hectares)	88					
--of which, Commercial ('000 hectares)	78					
----of commercial, tropical hardwood ('000 hectares)						
----of commercial, temperate hardwood ('000 hectares)	48					
----of commercial, softwood ('000 hectares)	30					
Forest Type						
--of which, virgin ('000 hectares)						
--of which, plantation ('000 hectares)						
--of which, other commercial (regrowth) ('000 hectares)						
Total Volume of Standing Timber (thousand cubic meters)						
--of which, Commercial Timber ('000 cum)	20,700	21,000	21,300			
Annual Timber Removal ('000 cum) 1/	360	360	360			
Annual Timber Growth Rate ('000 cum)	660	660	660			
Annual Allowable Cut ('000 cum)						
WOOD PRODUCTS SUBSIDIES						
Country:Luxembourg	Previous	Current	Following			
Year of Report 2002	Calendar Year	Calendar Year	Calendar Year			
Total Solid Wood Export Subsidy Outlay (\$US million)	none	none	none			
Is there a ban on the export of logs, lumber, or veneer? 1/	no	no	no			
Are there export taxes (yes/no)? 2/	no	no	no			
Total Wood Production Subsidy (\$US million)						
Scope (thousands of hectares)						
Are there other wood products export expansion activities? 1/	no	no	no			
1/ If yes, describe in report.						
2/ If yes, identify in Tariff and Tax Strategic Indicator Table.						
FOREST PRODUCT TARIFFS AND TAXES (percent)		Tariff	Tariff	Other		
Country:	Product	Current	Following	Import	Total Cost	Export
Report Year:	Description 1/	Year	Year	Taxes/Fees	of Import 2/	Tax
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Section II: Statistical Tables

Temperate Hardwood Logs

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Temperate Hardwood Logs				1000 CUBIC METERS	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/2000		01/2001		01/2002
Production	750	600	0	650	0	650
Imports	2060	2244	0	2100	0	2050
TOTAL SUPPLY	2810	2844	0	2750	0	2700
Exports	360	383	0	375	0	375
Domestic Consumption	2450	2461	0	2375	0	2325
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2810	2844	0	2750	0	2700

Import Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Temperate Hardwood Logs						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Imports for:	1999		2000	Imports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	8	U.S.	6	U.S.	6	U.S.	4
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	1626		1595	France	1522		1430
Netherlands	301		235	Netherlands	216		225
Germany	143		153	Germany	142		112
Total for Others	2070		1983	Total for Others	1880		1767
Others not Listed	185		255	Others not Listed	249		222
Grand Total	2263		2244	Grand Total	2135		1993
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Export Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Temperate Hardwood Logs						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Exports for:	1999		2000	Exports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	0	U.S.	0	U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	116		85	France	73		111
Italy	55		52	Italy	47		45
Netherlands	39		36	Netherlands	32		27
Germany	9		17	Germany	17		12
Spain	19		16	Spain	16		11
Egypt	14		12	Egypt	11		12
Morocco	23		21	Morocco	18		11
Algeria	10		14	Algeria	14		20
Hong Kong	17		16	Hong Kong	15		7
China	21		67	China	61		30
Total for Others	323		336	Total for Others	304		286
Others not Listed	129		47	Others not Listed	48		62
Grand Total	452		383	Grand Total	352		348
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Temperate Hardwood Lumber

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Temperate Hardwood Lumber				1000 CUBIC METERS	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/2000		01/2001		01/2002
Production	470	510	0	450	0	450
Imports	400	559	0	680	0	630
TOTAL SUPPLY	870	1069	0	1130	0	1080

Exports	240	388	0	420	0	400
Domestic Consumption	630	681	0	710	0	680
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	870	1069	0	1130	0	1080
Import Trade Matrix						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Temperate Hardwood Lumber					
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units: 1000 CUM
Imports for:	1999		2000	Imports for:	2000	2001
U.S.	74	U.S.	57	U.S.	53	U.S. 51
Others		Others		Others		Others
France	196		216	France	200	227
Netherlands	27		34	Netherlands	29	24
Germany	39		58	Germany	56	128
Italy	8		7	Italy	7	7
Poland	12		17	Poland	17	18
Cameroon	6		2	Cameroon	2	3
Brazil	12		10	Brazil	9	8
Canada	7		7	Canada	7	4
Lithuania	18		26	Lithuania	24	32
Czech Rep.	36		47	Czech Rep.	42	40
Total for Others	361		424	Total for Others	393	491
Others not Listed	51		78	Others not Listed	75	101
Grand Total	486		559	Grand Total	521	643
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade						
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)						

Export Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Temperate Hardwood Lumber						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Exports for:	1999		2000	Exports for:	2000		2001
U.S.		U.S.		U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	36		39	France	36		45
Netherlands	217		220	Netherlands	199		189
Germany	25		27	Germany	25		25
United Kingdom	24		32	United Kingdom	29		40
Spain	11		14	Spain	13		8
Hong Kong	2		2	Hong Kong	2		0
China	2		5	China	5		2
Total for Others	317		339	Total for Others	309		309
Others not Listed	43		49	Others not Listed	43		75
Grand Total	360		388	Grand Total	352		384
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Tropical Hardwood Lumber

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Tropical Hardwood Lumber				1000 CUBIC METERS	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/2000		01/2001		01/2002
Production	15	15	0	15	0	15
Imports	380	327	0	280	0	275
TOTAL SUPPLY	395	342	0	295	0	290
Exports	120	241	0	170	0	180
Domestic Consumption	275	101	0	125	0	110
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	395	342	0	295	0	290

Import Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Tropical Hardwood Lumber						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Imports for:	1999		2000	Imports for:	2000		2001
U.S.		U.S.		U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	3		4	France	4		4
Netherlands	21		26	Netherlands	23		16
Germany	2		1	Germany	1		25
Malaysia	146		174	Malaysia	157		105
Indonesia	16		19	Indonesia	16		9
Brazil	9		13	Brazil	12		15
Singapore	2		2	Singapore	2		2
Cameroon	32		41	Cameroon	38		34
Myanmar	0		22	Myanmar	22		1
Ghana	6		8	Ghana	7		9
Total for Others	237		310	Total for Others	282		220
Others not Listed	24		17	Others not Listed	16		30
Grand Total	261		327	Grand Total	298		250
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Export Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Tropical Hardwood Lumber						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Exports for:	1999		2000	Exports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	0	U.S.	1	U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	38		53	France	47		27
Netherlands	113		142	Netherlands	127		88
Germany	25		25	Germany	23		14
United Kingdom	10		9	United Kingdom	9		11
Denmark	2		3	Denmark	3		1
Total for Others	188		232	Total for Others	209		141
Others not Listed	7		8	Others not Listed	7		5
Grand Total	195		241	Grand Total	216		146
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Softwood Lumber

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Softwood Lumber				1000 CUBIC METERS	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/2000		01/2001		01/2002
Production	900	950	0	900	0	900
Imports	1340	1839	0	1560	0	1600
TOTAL SUPPLY	2240	2789	0	2460	0	2500
Exports	370	746	0	685	0	700
Domestic Consumption	1870	2043	0	1775	0	1800
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	2240	2789	0	2460	0	2500

Import Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Softwood Lumber						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Imports for:	1999		2000	Imports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	13	U.S.	12	U.S.	11	U.S.	10
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	79		127	France	120		102
Netherlands	200		245	Netherlands	231		172
Germany	300		426	Germany	404		343
Norway	34		29	Norway	27		29
Sweden	177		150	Sweden	141		170
Finland	116		96	Finland	91		131
Russian Fed.	253		298	Russian Fed.	289		203
Latvia	45		63	Latvia	54		51
Lithuania	40		52	Lithuania	48		43
Canada	97		102	Canada	101		52
Total for Others	1341		1588	Total for Others	1506		1296
Others not Listed	282		239	Others not Listed	230		174
Grand Total	1636		1839	Grand Total	1747		1480
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Export Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Softwood Lumber						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Exports for:	1999		2000	Exports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	0	U.S.	0	U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	172		234	France	216		260
Netherlands	170		197	Netherlands	185		135
Germany	155		228	Germany	217		177
United Kingdom	15		24	United Kingdom	22		16
Denmark	4		2	Denmark	2		1
Spain	2		3	Spain	3		2
Total for Others	518		688	Total for Others	645		591
Others not Listed	54		58	Others not Listed	58		56
Grand Total	572		746	Grand Total	703		647
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Hardwood Veneer

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Hardwood Veneer					
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/2000		01/2001		01/2002
Production	48	45	0	45	0	45
Imports	42	36	0	30	0	30
TOTAL SUPPLY	90	81	0	75	0	75
Exports	30	25	0	24	0	25
Domestic Consumption	60	56	0	51	0	50
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	90	81	0	75	0	75

Import Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Hardwood Veneer						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Imports for:	1999		2000	Imports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	8	U.S.	6	U.S.	6	U.S.	4
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	4		6	France	5		4
Netherlands	2		3	Netherlands	3		2
Germany	5		8	Germany	7		5
Spain	2		2	Spain	2		2
Croatia	1		2	Croatia	2		1
Ivory Coast	3		3	Ivory Coast	2		1
Ghana	2		3	Ghana	3		4
Canada	1		0	Canada	0		0
Total for Others	20		27	Total for Others	24		19
Others not Listed	7		3	Others not Listed	4		5
Grand Total	35		36	Grand Total	34		28
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Export Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Hardwood Veneer						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Exports for:	1999		2000	Exports for:	2000		2001
U.S.		U.S.		U.S.		U.S.	
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	6		6	France	6		7
Netherlands	4		6	Netherlands	5		5
Germany	3		4	Germany	4		2
Italy	1		1	Italy	1		3
United Kingdom	2		2	United Kingdom	1		1
Spain	2		1	Spain	1		1
Austria	1		1	Austria	1		0
Sweden	1		0	Sweden	0		0
Total for Others	20		21	Total for Others	19		19
Others not Listed	2		4	Others not Listed	4		3
Grand Total	22		25	Grand Total	23		22
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Softwood Plywood

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Softwood Plywood				1000 CUBIC METERS	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/2000		01/2001		01/2002
Production	65	5	0	5	0	5
Imports	500	187	0	180	0	180
TOTAL SUPPLY	565	192	0	185	0	185
Exports	325	119	0	92	0	95
Domestic Consumption	240	73	0	93	0	90

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	565	192	0	185	0	185
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Import Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Softwood Plywood						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Imports for:	1999		2000	Imports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	10	U.S.	3	U.S.	3	U.S.	2
Others		Others		Others		Others	
Netherlands	11		21	Netherlands	21		22
Germany	18		9	Germany	9		13
Russian Feder	20		11	Russian Feder	11		0
Brazil	85		124	Brazil	123		120
Canada	10		2	Canada	2		1
South Korea	3		1	South Korea	1		0
Total for Others	0		168	Total for Others	167		156
Others not Listed	14		16	Others not Listed	15		21
Grand Total	171		187	Grand Total	185		179
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Export Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg						
Commodity	Softwood Plywood						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Exports for:	1999		2000	Exports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	0	U.S.	0	U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	22		33	France	32		37
Netherlands	32		43	Netherlands	43		28
Germany	6		8	Germany	8		10
Denmark	19		6	Denmark	6		7
Belarus	0		28	Belarus	28		0
Total for Others	79		118	Total for Others	117		82
Others not Listed	5		1	Others not Listed	0		8

Grand Total	84		119	Grand Total	117		90
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							

Other Plywood

PSD Table						
Country	Belgium-Luxembourg					
Commodity	Other Plywood				1000 CUBIC METERS	
	Revised	2000	Preliminary	2001	Forecast	2002
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/2000		01/2001		01/2002
Production	65	30	0	30	0	30
Imports	500	342	0	355	0	360
TOTAL SUPPLY	565	372	0	385	0	390
Exports	325	247	0	240	0	235
Domestic Consumption	240	125	0	145	0	155
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	565	372	0	385	0	390

Import Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium						
Commodity	Other Plywood						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Imports for:	1999		2000	Imports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	1	U.S.	0	U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others		Others		Others	
Netherlands	22		23	Netherlands	21		24
Indonesia	285		265	Indonesia	247		242
Malaysia	7		10	Malaysia	8		6
Brazil	8		12	Brazil	12		15
Ivory Coast	4		5	Ivory Coast	5		6
Ghana	3		4	Ghana	4		9
Total for Others	329		319	Total for Others	297		302
Others not Listed	25		23	Others not Listed	18		26
Grand Total	355		342	Grand Total	315		328
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							

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Export Trade Matrix							
Country	Belgium						
Commodity	Other Plywood						
Time period	Jan-Dec	Units:	1000 CUM	Time period	Jan-Nov	Units:	1000 CUM
Export for:	1999		2000	Exports for:	2000		2001
U.S.	0	U.S.	0	U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others		Others		Others	
France	73		42	France	39		38
Netherlands	183		189	Netherlands	170		164
Total for Others	256		231	Total for Others	209		202
Others not Listed	21		16	Others not Listed	16		17
Grand Total	277		247	Grand Total	225		219
Sources: Belgian Office of Foreign Trade							
STATEC (Service Central de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques)							